

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARCY GOODYEAR

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Marcy Goodyear.

Marcy was born in 1971 in East Point, Georgia. She moved to Albany in 1974, where she attended Westover High School.

In 2009, after living in Albany for many years, Marcy found her way to Darien, Georgia, located in the First Congressional District of Georgia.

Marcy loved traveling and spending time with friends and family. She enjoyed working at Skippers' Fish Camp with her family as well as her time as a city councilwoman with the city of Darien.

Marcy's smile was infectious, and she never met a stranger. She will be dearly missed by all of those who knew her.

On behalf of myself and everyone in the First Congressional District, our thoughts and prayers are with Marcy's family and friends.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF SELMA POLICE OFFICER GONZALO CARRASCO, JR.

(Mr. COSTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, we are mourning today the loss of Officer Gonzalo Carrasco, Jr., who, sadly, was shot and killed in the line of duty yesterday protecting the citizens of Selma, California. Selma, California, is a wonderful community of about 30,000 people in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley.

Officer Carrasco was a son of farmworkers, a graduate of Reedley High School, and worked constantly to increase his opportunities to become a police officer. He also, sadly, was preparing to become a father.

He served with the Selma Police Department for 2 years and did all he could to protect the community.

His service, bravery, and sacrifice will never be forgotten. It is a sad day for the people of Selma.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to his family, the Selma Police Department, and the people in the valley.

May he rest in peace. God bless him. We owe him a debt of gratitude.

HONORING WAR HERO CHRISTOPHER MARIAN BALLABAN

(Mr. SANTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SANTOS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Mr. Christopher Marian Ballaban, a constituent, war hero, and Holocaust survivor in New York's Third Congressional District.

Last Saturday, on January 28, Mr. Ballaban reached his centennial, and I would like to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD this token of my appreciation for his long and heroic journey.

Christopher was born in Poland and joined the Polish resistance against the Soviets at the young age of 16. Throughout his entire life, he was held in multiple slave camps throughout Europe.

After escaping the final camp, Christopher eventually joined the British Army and fought against Nazis in Germany and other enemy forces.

Finally, in the early 1950s, he found his way home to the United States. I could not be more honored to have a man of such valor residing in the district that I represent.

Let this serve as a public declaration of respect and admiration for Mr. Ballaban and his amazing family. I would like to extend the happiest of birthdays to Christopher, and I hope that our paths cross soon.

CONDEMNING BLOCKADE OF LACHIN CORRIDOR

(Ms. SÁNCHEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn the Azerbaijani Government's blockade of Lachin Corridor, the only road connecting Artsakh's Armenian population to the world. Today marks the 52nd day of the blockade.

My district is home to one of the first Armenian communities in southern California and was formed by survivors of the Armenian genocide. Now, in the face of Azerbaijan's aggression, many of my constituents fear a second genocide.

Last week, I spoke with a constituent who was stuck behind the blockade and who reported a dire situation: Over 100,000 Armenians have been denied access to food, fuel, and medicine, and the region has been left without heat or power this winter. If this continues, I fear a humanitarian catastrophe.

We must make it clear to Azerbaijan that imposing its will on the Armenian people by force is unacceptable. I call on the administration to ensure that aid reaches the people of Artsakh.

Today, my thoughts are with those suffering under these inhumane conditions, and I reaffirm my commitment to ensuring that Azerbaijan is held accountable for its aggression against the Armenian people.

SOCIALISM IS A FAILED IDEOLOGY

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, socialism has failed everywhere it has been tried and has caused millions of deaths over the last century.

In 1932 and 1933, Soviet leader Joseph Stalin engineered a man-made famine in Ukraine that killed more than 3 million people. In 1938, 1 million people were executed by the Soviet Union's secret police in a campaign of organized terror.

From 1960 to 1962, over 50 million people died in Communist China during Mao Zedong's Great Leap Forward. Again, from 1966 until 1976, over 3 million people were killed by Chairman Mao's Cultural Revolution.

In Cambodia, communist dictator Pol Pot killed 2 million people, 25 percent of his country's population.

Almost 2 million North Koreans have been killed by that country's communist government.

These are just a few of the examples of socialism leading to mass death and suffering for innocent people. These deaths are a feature, not a bug and not an anomaly.

Socialism never works, as its critics must be silenced by force. It might sound attractive going in, but people who have voted it in usually have to fight their way out of it.

Let's be on the side of victims of socialism, the tens of millions of them, and speak out and condemn it in all its forms.

BLACK HISTORY IS AMERICAN HISTORY

(Ms. CLARKE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise on this day, the first day of Black History Month, unfortunately during a moment of unprecedented assaults on truth by those desperate to rewrite America's history.

In this troubling time of banned books and canceled curriculums, it is with great urgency that I stand before you, Mr. Speaker, to celebrate the profound history of our Nation that far too many far-right zealots are fighting to conceal.

This is a special month, defined in equal parts triumph and tragedy, and centered in pride and appreciation because our African-American forebears rose above oppression and helped create the greatest nation the modern world has ever seen.

Make no mistake, Mr. Speaker, only the ashamed and the afraid hide from history. Black Americans never have and never will, for ours is a story of victory over adversity, determination in the face of uncertainty, and the courage of our convictions.

Our story is America's story. Let us never forget, let us never concede, and let us never be silent when we say that Black history is American history.

STOP EBT CARD ABUSE

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)